

I have heard the arguments for and against allowing single entities to own larger fractions of the broadcast market. I vote FOR limiting ownership; AGAINST allowing one owner a larger fraction of the market.

Allowing further consolidation of the ownership of broadcast markets amounts to replacing democracy, free speech, decency and debate of policy and ideas with capitalism, centralization and perhaps much worse. I do not want one or a few owners or corporations to determine what I hear and see. Local and grass-roots views must be protected, even if the profit is not as great.

Furthermore, I believe the rush for the FCC to vote on the issue without a much larger public discussion is un-American. Passing an issue in a commission while the American public has been distracted by terrorism and a war is inexcusable.

In any case, I vote against consolidation and for preservation of ownership limits.